

For: State and County Offices

Announcing CRP Grassland Signup 200 Second Ranking Period

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Second Ranking Period

A Background

CRP Grasslands is a voluntary program that helps landowners and operators protect grassland, including rangeland and pastureland, and certain other lands, while maintaining the areas as grazing lands. The program emphasizes support for grazing operations, plant and animal biodiversity, and land containing shrubs and forbs under the greatest threat of conversion.

CRP Grasslands is authorized by the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended by the Agricultural Act of 2014.

Applications for CRP grassland can be submitted continuously and will only be ranked after completion of an announced ranking period using current Grassland ranking factors. FSA collects data for each of the ranking factors based on the relative benefits for the land offered according to 2-CRP and each eligible offer is ranked in comparison to all other offers with selections being made based on that ranking.

B Purpose

This notice provides the upcoming CRP Grasslands ranking period dates. This ranking period will run through July 29, 2016. All non-accepted offers from the first ranking period will be automatically ranked along with newly submitted offers unless the offer was withdrawn by the producer.

C State Office Action

State Offices shall:

- provide a copy of this notice to County Offices
- ensure that County Offices follow the provisions of this notice.

Disposal Date

December 1, 2016

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Distribution

State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices